IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1844 OF 2005

Hanif Ibrahim Shaikh. ... Petitioner.

V/s.

Union of India and another. ... Respondents.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 1845 OF 2005

Salim Allauddin Mulla. ... Petitioner.

V/s.

Union of India and another. ... Respondents.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 1846 OF 2005

Abbas Ibrahim Shaikh ... Petitioner.

V/s.

Union of India and another. ... Respondents.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 1848 OF 2005

Vali Mohammed Hashim Khakra. ... Petitioner.

V/s.

Union of India and another. ... Respondents.

WITH

WRIT PETITION NO. 1849 OF 2005

Vivek Omprakash Rai. ... Petitioner.

V/s.

Union of India and another. ... Respondents.

S.N.Kantawala with G.R.Agrawal i/b.
Maqsood Khan for the petitioners.

H.V.Mehta for the respondents.

CORAM : V.C.DAGA AND J.P.DEVADHAR, JJ.

DATED : 15th April 2005.

P.C. :

. The petitioners in these petitions are seeking direction to release their seized Tugs/vessels alleged to be owned by the respective petitioners.

2. Having heard rival parties, it is not in dispute that the applications dated 23rd February 2005 made by the petitioners to the Assistant Director, D.R.I., Mumbai seeking release of their vessels are pending. Since the said applications have not yet been decided by the authority concerned, we think that directions to decide all these applications pending before it would be in the interest of justice.

3. In the above view of the matter, we direct respondent No.2 to forward all these applications to the Commissioner (Preventive) under orders of this Court with direction to decide the same as expeditiously as possible, at any rate; within two weeks from the date of communication of this order.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes to communicate this order to respondent No.2.

5. In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, seeks permission to withdraw these petitions.

6. All the petitions, accordingly, stand disposed of as withdrawn in terms of this order with no order as to costs.

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